



West Fargo Budget Meeting  
Monday August 1, 2016  
Commission Chambers

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday August 1, 2016, immediately following the City Commission Meeting to discuss the 2017 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Duane Hanson, Mark Simmons, Mark Wentz and Mike Thorstad. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor Tina Fisk appeared before the Commission and Public Works Director Chris Brungardt also appeared to discuss budgets for Sanitation and Water and Sewer.

**Sanitation**

- Revenues are expected to increase slightly from 2016, for a total of \$3,015,000
- Expenditures are up from 2016 by \$124,810 for a total of \$3,261,801
- Tipping fee costs increased \$230,000 due to an increase of \$5.00/ton for solid waste and \$2.50/ton for compost
- Employee expenses are reduced due to the new curbside pickup program
- Equipment purchases are down, only one roll-off truck will need to be replaced in 2017
- Current budget for 2017, shows a deficit spending amount of \$246,801
- No rate increases are planned for January 1, 2017, as the Sanitation fund is carrying a stronger balance of funds than anticipated

Commissioner Mattern asked about the promotion of the new cans and when that was going to occur. Public Works Director Chris Brungardt appeared before the Commission and discussed heavy promotion will occur with postcards to residents, social media and a notice in the water bills.

**Water and Sewer**

- Revenues are higher due to the change in water rates combined with growth
- Remaining revenues are stable
- Expenditures increased significantly due to water purchases
- Additional funds budgeted for repairs to water and sewer lines
- No new employees budgeted for 2017
- Equipment purchases up from 2016, major purchases: loader, compact excavator and two city vehicles
- No rate increases for 2017, in the water or sewer department



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City Auditor Tina Fisk also advised that Sales Tax, Fire, Library, and Special Funds will be reviewed, at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Wentz seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. The meeting was adjourned.

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Rich Mattern  
President of the Board

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Tina Fisk  
City Auditor